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CONNECTING ELEMENT, METHOD FOR BUS

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT

FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT

MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS

SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2008. Initially, please amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are found in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.